

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No, not any more than if I buy a walking stick, a pair of shoes or a band aid. If a hearing test or Medical exam should ever be required then the one requiring it should pay for it & then let us buy where we ~~choose~~ want to.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *Yes*

And with out a mandatory hearing or Medical exam the best test is the 30-45 day trial period before the sale is final. I purchased mine by mail order & would not want to do it any other way.

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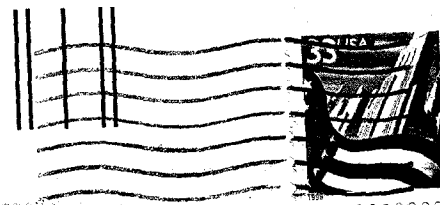
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